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Dear Ms. Hesse:

In November 2001, North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper joined with other states' attorneys general from across the nation in agreeing to a settlement with Microsoft Corporation in the ongoing antitrust litigation against that company. I believe our state's attorney general made the correct decision, and I am writing to urge the federal courts to agree to that settlement.

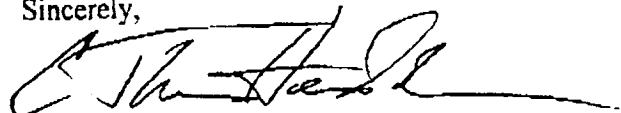
North Carolina and, especially, the Triangle area have enjoyed remarkable economic growth thanks in great measure to the advances of the information technology industry. Events at home and abroad now jeopardize our prosperity—and that of the entire nation.

It is more important now than ever to remove any obstacle to economic recovery, and I sincerely believe this prolonged Microsoft matter is just such an obstacle.

By accepting the proposed settlement, Microsoft has demonstrated that it will abide by strict constraints on its behavior in the marketplace. The settlement provisions protect Microsoft's competitors and, more importantly, the consumer, while preserving for Microsoft the essential ability to innovate and introduce new products.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



C. Thomas Hendrickson
President